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Oakland Holds Big Conference

The Oakland Stake Conference attendance January 25, 1948, was 865 compared with 801 for the morning session of the October quarterly conference and in the afternoon the attendance was 777 in comparison with 457 for the afternoon session in October. Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve Apostles and Stewart B. Eccles of the General



Elder Spencer W. Kimball

Church Welfare committee were in attendance.

The leadership meeting Saturday evening, January 24, was well attended. Elder Kimball stressed visits to all quorum members by the quorum presidency according to the following general pattern: Divide up the total membership among the three of the presidency; eliminate the active ones and stress the inactive members; then take the worst of the cases and go to see them first; see them at work.

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Presidents Hilton and Norberg Givs Instructions

At the Oakland stake conference, January 24, President Angus Norberg spoke upon ideals for youth. All of us mimic somewhat and this fact is taken advantage of by tobacco advertisements and their testimonials. An article in the San Francisco Examiner, January 18, on juvenile delinquency, showed that the young people in trouble did not possess proper ideals. If our ideals are set upon human standards they may sometimes fail us, but if we hold the Saviour as our ideal character, then there will be safety at all times.

Elder Hilton spoke upon the Gospel as the one solution for individuals and governments in the many difficulties and problems which confront them. World peace, economic dislocations, social problems, marriage, divorce, in fact, every problem that confronts mankind has one sure solution and that is obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If the results of obedience are not immediately observable, this is not so important. In the long run those who are obedient to the principles given by the Saviour will be found on solid ground.

The love which the Saviour possesses for mankind is shown in the atonement. As the years pass, the beauty of it grows brighter so that we can see more clearly the demonstration by the Saviour of His own first commandment, "Love the Lord."

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"What the Book of Mormon Means To Me"

I take pleasure in presenting to you my testimony as to what the Book of Mormon means to me, and I hope that it will be useful for the purpose for which it is requested.

When I investigated the doctrine of the Latter-day Saints Church, the Book of Mormon was the first of the standard works of the Church that was given to me to read and pass judgment upon. For this privilege, I am ever grateful. I had only read the Book of Mormon half way through when I was convinced that the book was of divine origin. No one could write a book like the Book of Mormon unless he be inspired of God. It was this testimony that made me mend my ways at the age of eighteen years of life, and accept membership in the most glorious Church.

I have read the Book of Mormon eighteen times all the way through and many times I have read chapter after chapter in search of truth. This has given me a testimony that the book is the work of God.

I read the Book of Mormon in the days of my joy and it brought to me the desired knowledge. I read it in the days of my deepest sorrow and it comforts my weary soul. If I want to know anything concerning my pre-existence, I read the Book of Mormon. If I want to know how to live in order to gain salvation in the kingdom of God, I can find it in the Book of Mormon.

Yes, it is the Book of Mormon that tells us where we are going after we have completed our mortal life. It is a most wonderful record, and I testify to all the world that it is the work of the living God. I pray that our people may have a desire to read and to love the Book of Mormon that they may have joy, and may learn to serve the Most High God.—Oscar Fontano, Alameda Ward Bishopric.

Burning of the Book

This is the title, The Burning of the Book, given to a 48-page pamphlet containing the story of the conversion of Jerry C. Matthews, a Texas Baptist minister in 1946. The pamphlet also contains the testimony of the daughter, Mrs. Belle Beck. It was testimony of this lady which she bore before a large audience in Berkeley ward December 28, 1947, that was related in the last issue of The Messenger under the heading, Remarkable Conversion Retold by Texan Member.

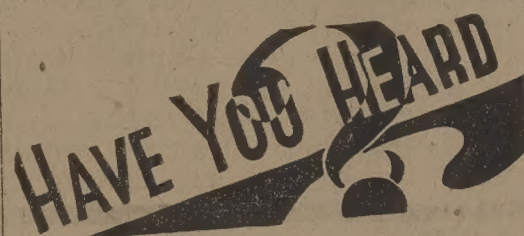
The story begins in such a fury of passionate hate of everything "Mormon," proceeds through so many remarkable, miraculous, and divine experiences, and ends in such a flood of gratitude for the fullness of truth, the peace and joy of the new life, and for the many holy manifestations, that it is impossible in a short review to present the great worth of this little gem in the literature of the Church.

Desolated by the removal of his daughter to Utah after her conversion, the Reverend Matthews is driven to his knees in the dead of night to seek solace, and in his lone hotel room then and there hears a still small voice as discernable, as understandable, and as comprehensive as if it had originated in a mortal body standing by his side, whispering, "Weep no more, all is well. Weep no more, all is well."

This was in 1942. In July of that year, however, he attempted to

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Coloma's Gold Discovery Jubilee Honors Men Of Mormon Battalion



• Elder George W. Bruerton of Napa, now Manchester, England, District President, contributes an impressive article to a recent number of Millennial Star, using as title, "The Beloved Son." Herein Elder Bruerton recounts the four occasions in which the Father has spoken these sacred words.

• William D. Graham of Oakland ward is the owner and operator of the popular "Sunny Pacific Highway Train", a sight-seers' transportation system in Golden Gate park, S. F. A former service man and a recent convert to the Church, Brother Graham is the inventor of the novel "train" that is seen daily carrying crowds over a nine mile circuit of all parts of the west's greatest park.

• Bob Divett, former serviceman and leader of music groups on Treasure Island, is currently representing one of the newer methods of food care. He is busy also with other ex-servicemen in looking into possibilities of radio facilities under the control of local colony members.

• Henry Smith, editor of the Church News, was a bay region visitor Sunday and Monday, January 26 and 27. He attended the Oakland stake conference and later called on local Church people in the interest of greater service to the bay section by the Church News. He had spent three days at Placerville and Coloma covering the Gold Discovery Centennial celebration.

• At the Coloma celebration of the discovery of gold, January 24, everyone who wished was able to actually wash sand for gold in a regulation "pan". Almost all found some shiny flakes of the pure metal. The joker was that no one was allowed to take the gold flakes. They were "planted", and went back into the sand pile for the next "panners." But it was fun anyway.

• Curt Millward's grandfather, Curtis, was one of the nine Mormon Battalion members who were with James A. Marshall when gold was discovered at Coloma, January 24, 1848.

• The Church has just dedicated its nineteenth Church-owned chapel in England. This last is at Denton, near Manchester.

—The Church News.

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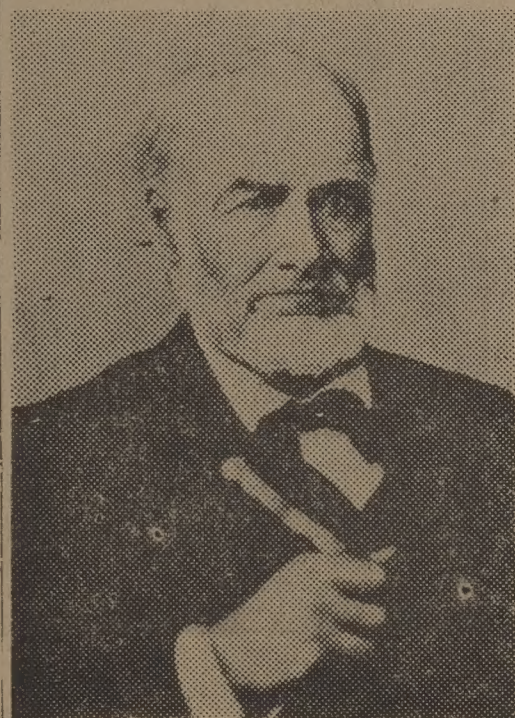
Home On Stake Farm Available For Couple With Experience In Care of Poultry

The Oakland Stake farm house upon the new stake farm near Hayward has now been turned into two comfortable, modern apartments. Mr. Jones and family are occupying one apartment; the other is still open for the use of a family yet to be selected to care for the chicken project.

Perhaps this calls for an older couple with experience and know-how regarding poultry husbandry. Anyone interested is invited to get in touch with Pres. Eugene Hilton as soon as possible.

Representatives of the Liahona Club and of The Messenger of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes of ion were present at the January 24, 1948 Grand Jubilee of the 100th Anniversary of the Discovery of Gold at Coloma, California.

Present also was Oscar A. Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy, representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Henry Smith of the Deseret News, Gordon Hinkley of the Church Publicity Committee, and Pres.



James W. Marshall

German E. Ellsworth of the Northern California Mission, besides several Elders of the Church, as well as the local district and branch presidencies of the Mission. From Southern California came also representatives of the chapter there of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

Erected by the Church on the state-owned Gold Discovery Park was seen the newly constructed pioneer-styled cabin which had been placed there by special co-operation of the California Centennial Commission. This structure memorializes the Mormon Battalion members who erected Sutter's Mill at Coloma, and were with James Marshall when he discovered gold in the tail race of the mill on the historic January 24, 1848.

Within this building are seen beautiful, colored diaramas depicting the city of Nauvoo, the March of the Battalion, the Discovery of Gold, the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, a map of the United States showing the line of march of the Battalion, and the Battalion Monument on the State Capitol grounds in Salt Lake City.

An attractive pamphlet setting forth the story of the Mormon

Pres. W. Glenn Harmon And Tom Ferguson In The Jungles of Campeche, Mexico

In a letter to Mrs. Ester Ferguson, Tom writes of some of the experiences which he, Glenn Harmon and Wells Jakeman, together with a brother Pais from Mexico City, are having in the Campeche tropical jungles in the southern tip of Mexico.

"I'm writing this during a heavy tropical rain. I'm lying in my very excellent jungle hammock in perfect comfort. I've been in the hammock since it started to rain five hours ago. . . . We are very grateful for these jungle hammocks. They are marvelous, even though Glenn Harmon fell from his twice in one night. I have fallen once.

"We have discovered a great city here in the heart of 'Bountiful' land. Hundreds and possibly

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David Wood, Claremont Youth, Winner of Eagle Scout Air Trip

(The January Messenger carried a partial account of this Claremont Ward scout. We now can present the picture of David L. Wood, and also more details of his February trip.)

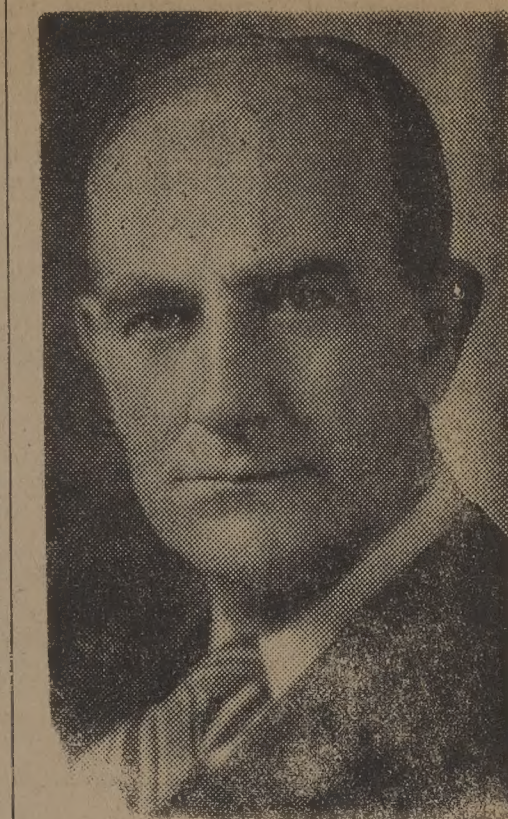


David Wood

Because of his outstanding record as a Boy Scout and community leader, David L. Wood, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Wood, of Claremont Ward, was chosen as one of the 12 Boy Scouts from Region 12, and one of two Eagle Scouts from the Bay area to fly

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Battalion was being handed out by Elders to the crowds who visited the building. Missionaries will be kept at this building during the summer time to meet the public. Oscar A. Kirkham spoke on two programs of the celebration alongside Governor Earl



Oscar A. Kirkham

Warren, one program being the dedication of the plaque placed on the large stone monument where once stood Sutter's Mill, the other being at the reviewing stand just before the parade began.

Before each speech by Elder Kirkham reference was made by the presiding officer to the fact that the Mormon Battalion members had a major part with Marshall in the events that led to the history making discovery of the flakes of "some yellow metal that looks like gold," one hundred years ago at Coloma, California.

The January 17, 1948, Church News contained five large photos and two articles on the Church's part in the Gold Discovery Celebration.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and
he will prepare my way before me; and
the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly
come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Connie Dunford, Alameda Ward, Wins Outstanding Citizen-Student Award

Connie Dunford, 17-year-old
daughter of R. O. Dunford, well
known Beauticians' Organization
president, has been selected as
Alameda high school's outstanding
citizen student. She is one of
the four so honored in the state
of California.

The award places her in position
for a free excursion to the
annual DAR summer convention
to be held in Washington, D. C.,
where the winners from the
states will be guests of the con-
vention, shown every honor and
a wonderful time meeting the
president and seeing all the
sights of the nation's capital.
Connie's selection has been based
upon both her fine grades at
school and her splendid record of
student body activities during
her high school years.

Connie has this year been
elected vice president of the
school's student body, having
previously served as class presi-
dent and in many other responsi-
ble positions.

Napa Ward News

Among many participants during Scout
week, February 8-15, LDS Troop 188 will
take over the city government for one
day. Another day of the week they will
set up camp in front of the city hall.
Coming Scout events: Sunday, Febru-
ary 1, there will be a paper drive. A
border review is scheduled for February;
and anniversary party and court of hon-
or sometime in March.
At the court of honor held in Decem-
ber, Ed Gamba became a first scout. Stan-
ley Dahlin, Jr., Don McKinney, Vance
Roskelley, Frank Carter and Dwight
Sands became second class scouts.
Learning to cook was the program for
the boys at the advancement meeting
January 10, 1948.

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Claremont Ward

Clarence J. Dangerfield was released
from the Texas-Louisiana Mission, Janu-
ary 20. He was president of Central Texas
district for the past year and leaves a
very good record of having been an out-
standing missionary. Relatives and friends
are looking forward to Clarence's home-
coming and we all say: "Welcome
Back to Claremont ward."

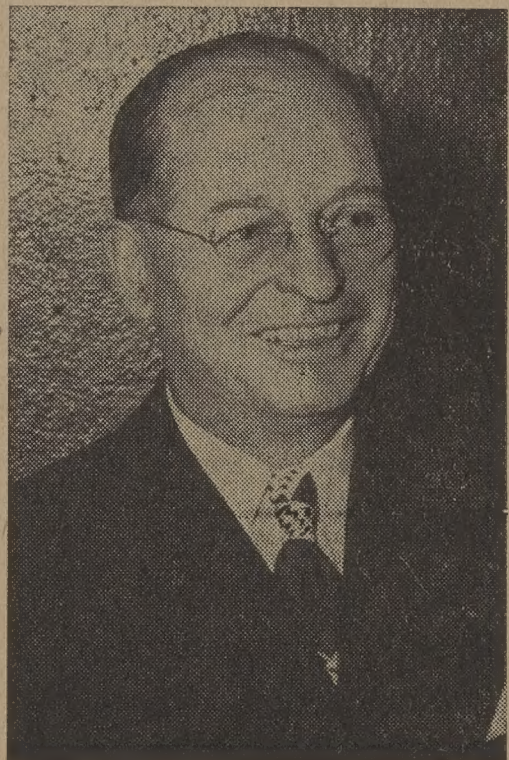
Margaret May Wakeling was baptised a
member of the Church on January 31,
1948. We are happy to extend our greet-
ings to Margaret.

The Elders have taken over the ward
teaching. A real job is expected from you
teachers.

Edna Cardwell and Rose Gleason were
the hostesses at the special interest class
party given Tuesday night, January 26, in
the MIA gathering. Betty Madsen was in
charge of the entertainment and all those
who attended surely enjoyed the associa-
tion of good friends and a lively party. A
vote of thanks to our capable leaders for
a job well done.

Marguerite Petry graduated third in her
class of over 200 at the Berkeley high
school. She was honored with a \$150 U. C.
scholarship because of her number one
standing on the classes' scholarship rolls.
Marguerite is the granddaughter of J. B.
and Clara Gleason.

Don M. Kimball



When Elder Spencer W. Kimball
of the Council of the Twelve
Apostles attended the Oakland
Stake Conference, January 25, he
me for the first time his cousin,
Don L. Kimball of East Richmond
ward, and was entertained at the
home of the Kimballs in El Cerrito.
Don L. attended the morn-
ing session of the Conference
and took down on his wire re-
cording machine the proceedings
of the conference. A few days
later he played the record over
the phone to ye editor, who had
been prevented from attendance
at the meeting, for note taking.

Don L. Kimball has made quite
a place for himself in El Cerrito
since he came to the bay region
early in the 1940's. For the last
two years he has served as the
president of the El Cerrito Cham-
ber of Commerce.

Being somewhat of an inventor
he has patents on a trailer dolly,
and is also a large Richmond
manufacturer of higher grade
trailers, besides being the owner
and operator of a large trailer
camp and trailer sales lot, both
on San Pablo avenue. His factory
is housed in one of the largest
and most modern buildings in
Richmond, while the trailer camp
is rated as tops by national
standards. Brother Kimball owned
the lot which the Berkeley
stake recently purchased from
him for \$15,000 for the purpose of
erecting their Welfare center.

Martinez Ward

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WARD NEWS

Attending the Pittsburg skating party
held January 19, members from Martinez
ward were Jo Anne Knowles, Michelle
Nix, Bob Von Dorn, Betty McKinney, Jim
Harper, Lorraine Hufford, Jim Longacre,
Lou Markham, Sylvia Annis and Barbara
Roskelley.

The progressive dinner held in January
met with such success that we are look-
ing forward to more entertainment of this
kind in the future. The couples present
were: the Ed Claytons, David Claytons,
Ivan Haslans, Blair Hansens, Meryl Skid-
mores, George Lees, Jack Roskelleys, Gale
Roskelleys, Steven Abbotts, Amsteads,
Elden Felts, Daryl Hickens, Martha Carter
and Tom Fletcher.

Ivan Hansen was called into the bishop-
ric January 11, 1948, as second counselor,
replacing Grant Shaw, who was trans-
ferred to Texas in December.

Success: A thing half won if
you gain the habit of work.
Success: The ability to grasp the
mai nchance when it comes.—
Disraeli.

HAVE YOU HEARD

• Mark Ricks now an M. D.,
associated with Dr. Grant Ellis,
but formerly a well known U. C.
student and active Church work-
er, is back in Berkeley ward. He
and Jane, his fine wife, are wel-
comed by a host of friends and
admirers.

• Spokane stake has recently
purchased a 100-acre farm for
Church welfare purposes. The
three stakes in Canada recently
sent three carloads of wheat to
assist LDS families in Europe.
—The Church News.

• "The Gallup Poll" on Janu-
ary 10, 1948, reports: "Whereas
more than nine out of ten Ameri-
can say they believe in God, in
France the proportion is much
smaller, two out of three. Among
French communists there is over-
whelming denial of the existence
of God. . . . The struggle between
communism and Western democ-
racies has many of the elements
of a holy war." In England the
Gallup Poll asked the following:
"Which of these statements comes
closest to your belief?" Answers
are shown in percentages:

A. There is a personal God,
45 per cent.

B. There is some sort of spirit
or vital force which controls
life, 39 per cent.

C. I am not sure there is any
sort of God or life force, 16
per cent.

Thus less than half of the Brit-
ishers hold a belief in a personal
God.

• The National Geographic
Bulletin No. 2, January 12, 1948,
is authority for the statement that
today in Cochín, near the south-
ern tip of India, "is a dwindling
colony of Jews, remnants of 10-
000 refugees who fled from Ro-
man Oppression in Palestine 1900
years ago." Here "treasured cop-
per plates bear inscriptions of A.
D. 379 ceding lands to a leader
of the group, establishing him as
the first Jewish king outside of
the Holy Land." Most of the colo-
nists intermarried with Indians
(of India). The pure "White Jews
of Cochín" are now reported as
narrowed to a few families—
barely 100 people.

• Thomas C. Byrne, president
of Santa Rosa Branch of Northern
California Mission, has been in
Santa Rosa five years ranching
and as realty dealer. The Branch
is just finishing a \$65,000 chapel
designed by Theodore Ruegg,
Berkeley ward architect. Included
is a baptismal font, a patio com-
plete with fireplace and a barbe-
cue pit. Elder Byrne would seem
to be a good person to help any
families looking towards farm
lands near Santa Rosa.

• Mr. Joaquin de Menezes, Jr.,
publisher of the Claremont Press,
Oakland, and, up until five
months ago, printer of The Mes-
senger writes the editor a court-
eous "hello, there" letter from
Mesa, Arizona, which he calls
"that great Mormon town of Mesa,
Arizona." He says, "I am taking
a much needed rest. We visited
the grounds of the beautiful Tem-
ple and had the good fortune of
being escorted around the ground
by J. W. LeSueuer. He wishes to
be remembered to you. Your peo-
ple, as usual, have done a wonder-
ful work in this locality and the
entire community show the re-
sults of their careful planning."

We will send a marked copy of
The Messenger of this issue to
Dear Brother Le Sueuer, brother
of Nell Macdonald, a grand
character and great temple work-
er whom hundreds in the bay re-
gion know and love as friend and
brother. And thanks to a good
friend of the Mormon people, and
of The Messenger, J. De Menezes,
Jr., of Oakland.

• During the 1947 L.D.S. Sun-
day School enlistment campaign
the figures reached a total of
406,853. In proportion to church
membership, there is nothing re-
motely comparable to this among
other Christian denominations.

• The 1947-48 M.E.A. theme,
"If you keep my commandments
and endure to the end, you shall
have eternal life," is reportedly
one of the most valued themes
ever adopted.

• Oakland has a new law of-
fice of members of the local col-
ony. The law firm of Johnson,
Harmon, Stirrat and Henderson
has opened an Oakland branch in
the Bank of America building.
John Stirrat is in charge of the
new offices and has associated
with him Robert Johnson, son of
J. Edward Johnson, the senior
member of the firm.

• Clyde F. Curtis, president of
Placerville Rotary club and form-
er of the Placerville branch of
the Church, presided at a great
public gathering of the people of
El Dorado county in the Federated
church in Placerville Friday, Janu-
ary 23, 1948. Elder Oscar A.
Kirkham of the First Council of
Seventy, was the principal speak-
er.

• Special credit is being given
Mance H. Vaught, president of
the Placerville branch of the
Church, for the work he did with
county and state officials in order
to make possible the erection by
the Church of the "Log cabin"
which houses the historic Mor-
mon Battalion diaramas on the
state owned Gold Discovery park
at Coloma. Gordon Hinckley of
the Church Radio, Publicity and
Mission Literature committee had
general charge of preparing and
designing the wonderful and ar-
tistic dioramas. This building will
be closed until the coming warm-
er weather and the tourist travel
begins. At that time it will be
opened daily with missionaries
in charge.

• Officials of Region 12, Boy
Scouts of America, held a series
of meetings beginning January
31, in Salt Lake City; then to Los
Angeles, February 2, San Fran-
cisco, February 3, and finally
Honolulu, February 8. George Q.
Morris, general superintendent
YMMIA, attended these meet-
ings. David Wood, Eagle scout of
Claremont, accompanied the
party to Honolulu, as told else-
where in this Messenger. The
MIA plans to bring 5000 new sen-
ior scouts into the MIA program
of scouting.—The Church News.

• \$5000 was left to the fund
for the construction of the new
Primary Children's hospital in
S. L. C., by Mrs. Millie E. Moss
Webley. She was a great Church
worker; had filled a mission to
the Western States, and later
came to California with her hus-
band to serve in the California
Mission for a period of six
months.—The Church News.

• Melvin Sam Salter, a mis-
sionary in the Texas-Louisiana
Mission, composed and directed a
Christmas cantata, "The Master's
Birth." Besides presentation be-
fore the branch, this cantata was
fore the branch, this cantata was
sung before a local high school
audience of 900, and to an esti-
mated 50,000 audience over the
local radio station at Houston.
—The Church News.

• What is called the "Two-
City Church Radio Broadcast" is
now featured over KLS in Salt
Lake City every Sunday night at
9:00 o'clock. Pres. J. Reuben
Clark speaks on his series of
talks, "On the Way to Immortali-
ty and Eternal Life," and the
Brigham Young university or-
chestra renders selections under
the direction of Professor LeRoy
Robinson, recent winner of the
\$25,000 national musical com-
position contest. Pres. Clark's ad-
dresses are reproduced each week
in the Church News.

• The Service Men's home was
the setting for an informal sno-
ball party January 9. Junior girls
and Senior Scouts of Oakland
stake enjoyed an evening of
games and dancing. Refreshments
were served by the Alameda and
Dimond wards. The gala winter
setting for the party was the re-
sult of clever decoration by Max-
well Park ward, while programs
and advertising were handled by
Oakland and Elmhurst. The stake
MIA officers want to thank all
those who helped make the snow
ball party a success.

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Six-Stake Welfare Groups Meet

A great regional welfare meeting was held January 28, in the Oakland ward chapel. Present were representatives of the six Northern California stakes; they were met and instructed by Harold B. Lee and Brother Eccles of the General Welfare committee and W. Aird Macdonald, regional chairman. The meeting was divided into three sections: the stake presidencies under the direction of W. Aird Macdonald with Apostle Lee conducting; the bishops and stake welfare committees, Bishop Sonne of Palo Alto ward presiding and Brother Eccles conducting; Relief Society presidencies with Ruth Hilton conducting. One additional arrangement was inaugurated as a pattern for the division of labor in welfare work on the part of all presidencies and bishoprics. In each case the president or bishop will be the head of the welfare committee for their particular unit, while one counselor will have charge of placement and employment and Relief Society work, the other counselor serving as work director.

San Francisco and Sacramento stakes have just completed A-1 Welfare canneries. Oakland stake soon will start on a large addition to the present Welfare building on Gould street. Plans are already drawn and are expected back from Salt Lake with the green light sign.

When this building is completed it will house an A-1 cannery, storage space, besides Priesthood project work rooms. This structure will be one and one-half times as large as the present building. The boiler has been ordered as well as other equipment. Soon a class will be opened at the Oakland Central Trade school for instruction in power sewing on power machines at the school. These classes, beginning in two weeks are for the entire region, although limited as to number.

Food Nutrition

By IRENE T. RANKER.

Because they are having a hard time to purchase whole wheat flour several people have phoned to ask if the so called "enriched", "fortified", or "restored" flour was not just as good. These flours were developed as a war emergency measure. The terms "enriched", "fortified" and "restored" are all misleading. If they would use the term "partially restored," it would be nearer the truth.

Dr. Samuel Lepkovsky from the University of California says: "White flour to which iron, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin are added became known as fortified or enriched flour. Actually it is not enriched but impoverished flour. It hardly seems likely that the addition of four nutrients to white flour will effectively replace at least twenty-five nutrients known to be removed and undoubtedly many other as yet unknown factors."

The bleaching of flour is a common practice, used in producing about 90 percent of the flour on the market at present. The "agene" process using nitrogen trichloride is often used. This process is only about twenty-five years old. It makes the flour bake up better into finer, higher loaves and lighter pastries. However, from the experiments that have been conducted, it apparently leads to the formation in the protein of the flour, of a substance that is harmful to a variety of animals (dogs, cats, monkeys, rabbits, ferrets and rats). The experiments on man have not yet been reported.

RECIPES

In the recipe given for WHOLE WHEAT ROLLS in the January issue of The Messenger, we like $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of honey and 4 cups of whole wheat flour.

ARMENIAN WHEAT BREAD

$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole wheat, $\frac{1}{4}$ cube butter, 1 can consommé or rich soup broth.

Melt butter in baking pan that can be tightly covered. Add wheat and stir until wheat is lightly browned. Add consommé, heat to boiling. Cover and bake

in oven 300° F. for 40 minutes. For variety, cooked wheat may be browned in pan in which chops or other meat has been cooked. Onions, peppers, tomatoes may be added. Serve with meat or fowl. Also good with egg and cheese dishes.

If uncooked wheat is used

1 cup whole wheat washed and dried, $\frac{1}{4}$ cube butter, 1 small onion chopped fine, if desired; 1 can consommé, 2 cans boiling water.

Melt butter in pressure sauce pan, add onions and wheat, stir until well coated with butter and lightly browned. Add consommé and water. Cook in pressure sauce pan about 50 minutes, or steam in oven in tightly covered pan $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours, or until tender.

WHOLE WHEAT

2 cups whole wheat, washed, 5 cups water, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt.

Wash wheat, soak in water few hours or overnight, if convenient. Be sure to cook wheat in water in which it was soaked. When ready to cook add salt. Cook in pressure sauce pan about 55 minutes as fifteen pounds of pressure, or simmer in covered sauce pan about four hours or until tender. Add more water if necessary. Wheat is excellent cooked in a fireless cooker, or well of electric stove.

Use as cereal with cream. Sweeten if desired with honey, molasses or brown sugar. Any dried fruit (raisins, dates, etc.), may be added for variety.

Cook extra wheat to add to muffins, griddle cakes, waffles, bread; use in place of bread crumbs in meat loaf or meat cakes. Use in soups.

WHOLE WHEAT MUFFINS

3 tablespoons shortening, 2 tablespoons honey or $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup cooked whole wheat, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 1 cup whole wheat flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $2\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder.

Cream shortening and honey together, add eggs and beat well; add cooked whole wheat and milk. Stir (do not sift whole wheat flour) flour, salt and baking powder together; add to first mixture and stir lightly until mixed. Fill greased muffin pans or paper cups put in muffin pans $\frac{3}{4}$ full and bake in moderately hot oven 375° F. about 30 minutes.

WHOLE WHEAT GRIDDLE CAKES

1 cup cooked whole wheat, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk, 1 cup whole wheat flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon honey or 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 eggs, 4 tablespoons melted shortening.

Stir whole wheat flour, baking powder and salt together, beat eggs, add milk, cooked whole wheat and honey. Mix with dry ingredients and melted shortening, beat well. Bake on a slightly greased hot griddle until brown. Serve hot.

WHOLE WHEAT WAFFLES

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups cooked wheat, 2 cups milk, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 cups whole wheat flour, 2 tablespoons honey (or 3 tablespoons sugar), 4 tablespoons butter or substitute, 3 eggs, $2\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder.

Stir whole wheat flour, baking powder and salt together. Cream

shortening and honey (or sugar). Separate whites and yolks of eggs. Separate whites and yolks of the eggs, add yolks to the creamed mixture and beat well, add cooked wheat, milk and dry ingredients, mix well, fold in the whites of the eggs beaten until stiff. Bake at once on a hot waffle iron.

SIMPLE FRUIT CAKE (good for lunches)

Boil together ten minutes, 2 cups sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups butter substitute, 1 lb. seedless raisins, 1 lb. seeded raisins, 1 lb. fruit cake mix, 2 cups water; when cool, stir in 1 teaspoon soda.

Add 2 well-beaten eggs and 1 cup chopped walnuts. Stir 3 cups whole wheat flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cloves, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon allspice together; add to fruit mixture. $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup more flour may be added to make stiff dough. Bake in oiled pans in slow oven 1 hour.

BREAD RECIPES

(Tested by Vera H. Mayhew) WHOLE WHEAT BREAD (2 loaves)

Combine: 6 cups whole wheat flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt; 3 cups water; dissolve in $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful of water 1 yeast cake.

Add it to remaining water. Stir in the dry ingredients until the dough is well blended. Put in a bowl covered with a cloth in a warm place (about 85°) until it has more than doubled in bulk (for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours). Place it in two greased 5x10-inch pans; permit to rise until it has doubled in bulk. Bake it in a hot oven 400° F. until light brown; reduce the heat to 350° F. Bake until done. (Takes nearly an hour). NOTE: This bread is firm textured as European bread and quite sweet. It is good with tangy cheese dressing, peanut butter or jelly for sandwiches. Not so good for a dinner bread. Make it with only $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and it is a lighter textured bread and very good.

QUICK

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD (1 5x10-inch loaf)

Sift before measuring: 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ cups bread flour; add 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ cups whole wheat flour; dissolve 1 cake of yeast in 3 tablespoons lukewarm water; add 1 cup lukewarm water, 2 tablespoons honey or brown sugar, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons salt; combine the liquid and sifted ingredients; add 3 tablespoons melted shortening.

Stir until well blended. Cover with a cloth and permit to stand in warm place for 30 minutes. Shape into a loaf. Place in a greased 5x10-inch pan. Permit to stand for about 1 hour; bake in

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a moderate oven (385° F.) for about 45 minutes. NOTE: If you want to be more particular you may knead this bread 10 minutes after it has rested 30 minutes. The results are hardly worth the work.

GRAHAM BREAD

(1 large loaf or 2 3x7-inch loaves)

Dissolve $\frac{3}{4}$ cake yeast in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lukewarm water; add $1\frac{1}{4}$ lukewarm water, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar or honey, 2 tablespoons melted shortening. Combine 2 cups graham flour, 2 cups sifted bread flour, 1 teaspoon salt.

Stir the liquid into the sifted ingredients; cover the bowl with a cloth and permit dough to rise in a warm place until it is nearly doubled in bulk. Form into loaves and place in greased bread pans. Permit to double in bulk. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) until done. Small loaves take about 40 minutes; large one an hour or more.

CRACKED WHEAT BREAD (Two 5x10-inch loaves)

2 cakes yeast, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup lukewarm water, 3 cups cooked cracked wheat*, 3 tablespoons melted shortening, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 tablespoon salt, 6 cups sifted flour.

Dissolve yeast cakes in lukewarm water; mix lukewarm

cooked cracked wheat, shortening, sugar and salt together; add yeast, mix well. Add flour. Turn out on floured board and knead 10 or 15 minutes until elastic. Place in bowl, cover with cloth and let rise 'til doubled in bulk (about 1 hour and 15 minutes). Shape into loaves. Place in greased pans. Cover and let rise until light (about 55 minutes). Bake in moderate oven (400° F.) about 1 hour. NOTE: I found that only about half of the flour would stir in, but almost all of the rest was used by the time the 15 minutes mixing period was up. The bread was delicious. Use the same recipe with oatmeal instead of cooked cracked wheat, adding 1 more cup of flour. This is very good and a change. This bread is also very good using 6 cups of whole wheat flour in place of white flour, or half whole wheat and half white flour.

(*In cooking 1 cup cracked wheat use 3 cups water.)

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Rules For Oakland Stake Road Show Distributed

Oakland Stake Road Show rules were distributed at the January 18 M.I.A. leadership meeting so that wards can get an early start on their presentations for March 26.

Rule sheets, distributed by MIA activity Counselor Darrel J. Monson, point out that all presentations shall be original in organization and written by members of the ward concerned. Any form of entertainment media (music, dancing, speaking,) may be used as long as all M.I.A. standards are upheld. A definite theme should be followed, each bit of the production helping to support it.

Music may be original in whole, in part, or it may be drawn entirely from compositions already in existence; words may be adapted to fit the production.

Participants shall be regularly attending and enrolled in the ward M.I.A. Special artists or performers obtained outside of this organization are prohibited.

Shows will be given March 26 in Elmhurst ward and in Oakland ward.

Groups must hold as closely as possible to this time schedule: preparations before curtain, 15 minutes; time for presentation, 12 minutes; time for leaving stage, 3 minutes.

Judges and timers will be placed at each ward to evaluate performances.

All stage props and auxiliary lighting other than that regularly provided by the individual wards must be carried by the individual show units. The fifteen and three minute time limits suggest simplicity and portability in equipment. A piano will be placed below and to the side of each stage.

Urging all wards to participate in this activity, Stake M. I. A. leaders stress the importance of getting an early start now.

Junior Girls, Junior M Men Plan Rosette Ball

With a successful Sno-Ball behind them, Junior Girls and Junior M Men are planning their annual Rosette ball for March 5. The success of the Sno-Ball indicates already that the Rosette ball will be one of the best events of the year. Credit for the Sno-ball's success goes to the Junior Girls and their ward leaders who, under the direction of Stake Manual Counselor Erma L. Smith, arranged advertising posters, refreshments, dance cards, and decorations for the dance at the service-men's home.

Stake Dance Director Ruby Lesser supervised the dancing and Darrel Monson contributed the music.

Berkeley Stake Conference Set For Feb. 14-15

The regular Berkeley Stake Conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15, in the Berkeley ward chapel. At 6:30 p.m. February 14, the Welfare meeting will convene. The complete ward Welfare committees, as well as the stake committees, and the bishoprics and the High Council are expected to attend. Following the Welfare meeting, at 8 p.m. the stake Leadership meeting will be held.

Sunday morning no 9 o'clock sessions of any kind will be held. Regular sessions of the conference will assemble at 10 a.m., and at 2 p.m. The Berkeley ward choir, under the able direction of William Richards, will furnish the music for both these meetings, Mary Burton at the organ.

Sunday evening the stake MIA will present an interesting and artistic program, featuring the first appearance of the revived Mormon Male Chorus of about thirty-five members under the familiar baton of Robert Sant who has lead this famous chorus in so many notable appearances throughout the bay area.

Pres. W. Glenn Harmon

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thousands have lived here anciently. This site has never been explored before. . . . We have explored four days and have found eight pyramids and many lesser structures and there are more at every turn. Our wonderful native guide knows the area well and leads us to important places.

"We have excavated for two days at one pyramid. The work moves very slowly because of the heat, inadequate tools, jungle growth and but little help. We have the help of our guide and his two sons. We have partially uncovered the cement stairway and have found pottery in a trench at the base. We cannot date it yet.

"Our health is fine. No one has the slightest trouble. Our spirits are also high and the morale is excellent. . . .

"There are no snakes in this area and the mosquitos do not carry malaria. However, we take no chances and apply insect repellent freely. Also, we take pills regularly and boil all water. (We're collecting good, clean rain water in pans during this storm.)

DAVID WARD CLAREMONT YOUTH

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to the Annual Regional Scout meeting in Honolulu, leaving February 6 and returning February 13. George Q. Morris, general president of M.I.A., will be one of the party.

David has been the vice president of Berkeley high school and is now the president-elect for next semester. He is diving champion of the Alameda County Athletic League for '47, a member of winning relay swimming ACAL team of '47, member of the Berkeley high school opera cast for two years, and member of Berkeley High School Speakers' Bureau.

He is also an active youth leader in Claremont Ward of the Latter-day Saints' Church and member of Boy Scout Troop 18, sponsored by Claremont Ward, and the third Eagle Scout in his family, his two older brothers, now being Eagle Scouts. David Wood has served as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, and junior assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 18, under the supervision of Scoutmaster Fred Reich. He has also been acting on the junior staff at Camp Wolfboro during '46 and '47.

"The Waltz Dream"

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Operetta Choice

"The Waltz Dream" by Oscar Strauss, has been selected as the Oakland Stake operetta by a committee acting under the direction of Darrel J. Monson. Stake drama, music and dance departments will work on staging the operetta in the late spring.

ONE LOCAL MEMBER REJOICES IN TEMPLE WORK COMPLETED AGAINST ODDS

"As a member of the Berkeley Stake, I have just returned from a most grand visit to the Arizona Temple where I was greatly blessed in having the privilege of doing the endowment work for twelve of my great great grandmother's line, I also knelt at the altar 28 times, sealing families together for eternity, very large families, the largest one being 17 children.

I did not know when I went to the Temple that I would find names to work for. Nevertheless, I had promised myself and my Heavenly Father that this winter I would go to the Temple. Satan tried in every way to change my plans, trying to make me think something dreadful would befall me if I did go, so I called my good friends to have prayer with me. We prayed that nothing would prevent me from doing our Heavenly Father's wishes, and did not feel the pressure of discouragement again. From the Temple I went to Pasadena visiting friends, relatives and Saints. Wherever I visited I found the Saints humble, prayerful and working for the upbuilding of God's work. I feel I have been greatly blessed.

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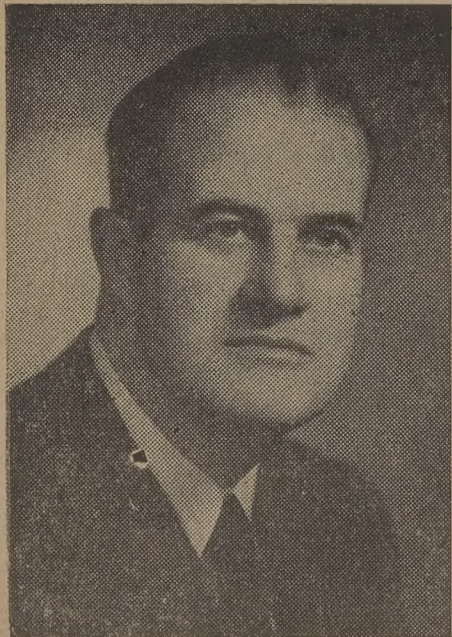
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February 5, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. in the Oakland chapel a joint meeting of both stakes was held under the direction of the General Music committee of the Church with Brother Maxwell from Salt Lake City conducting. The meeting was to organize and prepare for a series of lessons for organists and choristers over a six-week period.

The cost of enrollment will be \$5. Those interested in organ work should have a background of piano study, but no experience is needed for those interested in chorister work. This course is for **EVERYONE**—not just those who have already had chorister and organ work. See your ward chorister for details and place and time.

Dimond, Oakland, San Leandro M-Men Join Vocational Film Showing

Dimond ward Junior M-Men were hosts to Oakland and San Leandro wards at a showing of two films on vocational guidance, Tuesday, Jan. 20. As part of a series of film showings and discussions by LDS leaders in various vocations, this type of program supplements the "Rounded-out-Man" discussions which are given by leaders of each ward's Junior M-Men group.

Oakland ward will set up an invitational program in February, tentatively Tuesday, Feb. 24. All wards are invited to send Junior M-Men and details will be discussed at the Stake Leadership meeting, Sunday, Feb. 15, at Dimond ward at 2:30 p.m.

Pittsburg's M Men Basketball Winners



The team shown above, representing Pittsburg ward and being service men from nearby Camp Stoneman, won the Berkeley Stake Basketball tournament for the season 1947-48. They are, back row, left to right: Maynard Gunter, Norman Proctor, Rulon Briggs, Kay Johnson; front row: Cecil George, Lyman Bennett, Henry Stevens. Missing from the picture are Glen Ellsworth, Dale Nelson, Chester Lamoraux.

Leap Year Dance Set For Feb. 27

On the Berkeley stake MIA calendar is the leap year dance to be held Friday, February 27. Music will be furnished by Murray Peterson's orchestra. Everyone in the stake is invited to come, whether you have a partner or not. Admission will be 75c. A suitable place for this fun festival has not been definitely arranged as yet. Watch your bulletin boards for posters announcing the place; also listen for the announcements in meetings.

Stake Mesa Temple Excursion Planned

Thelda Baker, assistant secretary of the Oakland Stake Genealogical committee, announces that plans are under way for a stake temple excursion to the Arizona Temple in April or May.

All who would like to participate will please contact their ward genealogical chairman or Miss Baker, Olympic 3-3068. Any one in either stake is cordially invited to join in this excursion.

Stake Home Education Programs For M. I. A. Special Interest Classes In Ward's During February

Classes began in all wards of the stake February 3, and will continue on the following Tuesday nights, teaching the subjects as indicated below:

- February 10: Food at Vallejo for Vallejo and Napa.
- February 10: Clothing at Berkeley for Berkeley, Claremont, Walnut Creek.
- February 11: Budget at Richmond for Richmond and East Richmond.
- February 17: Food at Martinez for Martinez and Pittsburg.
- February 17: Clothing at Vallejo for Vallejo and Napa.
- February 17: Budget at Berkeley for Berkeley, Claremont, Walnut Creek.
- February 24: Food at Richmond for Richmond and East Richmond.
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Interesting Youth Problems Clases Continued

The committee for Latter-day Saint girls is happy to announce that there are three new ward chairmen in Berkeley stake: Ruth Pell for Napa ward; Gladys Davis for Pittsburg ward and Nola Sullivan for Richmond ward.

These new leaders, as well as the other leaders of various Girls' committees will be interested in the series of meetings, which for the past six months have been held in conjunction with the leaders of the Aaronic priesthood for the purpose of receiving valuable instruction and information on youths' problems.

These classes have been under the excellent direction of Brother John Soelberg, who is an authority in this field. It has been deemed vital that these classes be continued, and everyone is urged to attend to gain the worth while information available.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

COMING EVENTS

We are very proud to announce and invite everyone to attend a farewell party for Dean Mann, to be held Tuesday, February 24, in our ward hall. Dean is leaving to fill a mission in the New England States. He is our first missionary to leave since the war was over. We would like everyone to come out and support this fine young man who will represent our church in this capacity.

KEEP FEBRUARY 17th OPEN—for the finest entertainment, comical and serious, you have seen in many days. Maxwell Park is presenting a talent night featuring the best talent in our ward membership. We can't tell any secrets, but you will be well paid for coming out. You may make a silver offering at the door to go into our building fund.

Speedy get-well wishes are sent from all of us to Sister Bea Larsen, president of our Relief Society. We are happy to hear she is improving after a very serious illness recently.

Brother and Sister Earle and Gerry Larsen are new MIA workers in our ward, now that they have moved back from Elmhurst. Earle is the activity counselor for the Young Men and Gerry has taken over drama work for the Young Ladies. We are happy to have them and their fine family with us again.

At a lovely program presented by the Gleaner Girls last month at sacrament meeting, Fern Everett was made a Golden Gleaner. This is the highest office a Gleaner may obtain, and we are proud Fern is the third girl in our ward to be honored in this capacity. Each girl who took part on this program was filling one of the requirements for becoming a Golden Gleaner.

A surprise shower was held in honor of Louella Marchant who will become the bride of Joseph Castro, Jr., on February 6, at the home of her sister, Pearl Hatfield. Vivian Williams was co-hostess with Pearl Hatfield when a group of Louella's friends came to wish her happiness and good luck for her coming marriage.

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Berkeley Stake News

Elmore G. Kern, Claremont ward missionary to California Mission is now Branch President in Oceanside, California. Largely thru years of tireless letter sermons by Elmore to his parents in Missouri, he rejoices in the fact that both his father and mother have accepted the Gospel. They now wonder why they took so long to see the light.

Before going on his mission, Elder Kern had the pleasure of seeing his brother, Russell, baptised while both resided in Claremont ward.

HIGH PRIESTS' MEETING HELD

The High Priests' Quorum of Berkeley stake held its quarterly meeting at Richmond ward January 22. Reports showed four members of the quorum on full time missions, one of whom is accompanied by his wife. Several other members are supporting one or two children in the mission fields. The quorum funds are being used to support missionaries and temple work.

Pres. Emery R. Ranker spoke on Church ordinances. Other features were biographical summaries on three members of the quorum: Thomas F. Rogers, Frank Parsons and Wm. R. Fuller.

The next meeting will be held in Vallejo ward on the fourth Thursday of April, when the wives also will be invited.

RELIEF SOCIETY LEADERSHIP MEETING HELD

The Stake Relief Society leadership meeting was held in the Richmond ward chapel in January, with the Richmond and East Richmond wards acting as co-hostesses. Much appreciation was felt for the beautiful flowers that decorated the building, the lovely refreshments served, the fine spirit of friendliness shown to all of the visiting sisters by members of the Relief Societies of these two wards.

Besides the regular routine and classwork, a report was given on the collection of the fund for the building of the Relief Society Building in Salt Lake City. A fine spirit of cooperation was displayed. Every president reported much progress and activity relating to this very important assignment.

Sister Ruth Hilton of Dimond ward and Sister Miriam Ellsworth of Claremont ward, assisted the Berkeley stake officers at this meeting. Sister Hilton gave the Literary lesson, and Sister Ellsworth, the Theology. Everyone enjoyed the presence and participation of these sisters.

Our music department is busy preparing for our music festival to be held in the spring.

The Sunday night meeting of the quarterly conference to be held February 15, will be under the auspices of the MIA. The Mormon Male Chorus, of the combined Berkeley-Oakland stakes will be a feature of the evening. Also featured will be several youth speakers, as well as some of our older MIA members.

Ed Kingsford of Oakland ward is back from his mission to Mexico. Returning a few months earlier than the regular time, Brother Kingsford is almost recovered from a serious accident that befell him on his mission when he suffered a leg injury due to being run over by a passenger bus. All unite in welcoming this tireless missionary, for such he has been at home and abroad. May the Lord's blessings flow to him abundantly.

NAPA WARD NEWS

(Continued from page two)

sacrament meeting attendance has increased to such a degree that "space" has become a problem. The Sunday school genealogy class has to convene in the hallway. Incidentally, the genealogical committee, under the chairmanship of Brother Walter Tucker, with Sisters Myrtle Pitcher, Stella Tucker, Orta Prescott and Brother Charles Price, is planning a tour to the library in San Francisco to work on genealogy.

We are all very proud of our missionary, Brother George Bruerton, who is district president of the Manchester district in England. All reports indicate that his efforts are paying rich dividends.

Relief Society is now held Tuesday afternoons, two o'clock. The heart friend party, February 6, promises enjoyment and surprises to all Relief Society members.

New appointments in the ward are, as follows: Girls' committee, Ruth Pell, chairman; Leona Evans and Rella S. Lewis, members of the committee; Iva Lou Carter and Betty Reed, advisors. Frank Castano and Richard Hart have been recommended for advancement in priesthood to the office of elder and soon will be ordained. Robert Keller and Edward Whaley have been advanced to the office of teacher. Lawrence Carter has been appointed assistant Scout Master, a full-fledged member of the ward.

The award of Golden Gleaner has been made to Laura Marie Nightwine, the first Golden Gleaner in Napa ward.

Vaun W. Moody Church, Business Man Passes Away

After years of struggle, cheerfully, buoyantly carried on, Vaun Moody had at last to give up to a heart malady. Mourned by many in Utah and northern California, he was laid away January 12, 1948.

Vaun Moody was born November 9, 1914, at Hinckley, Utah, a son of Nellie Eliza and Milton Moody. After elementary and high schools in Hinckley, he attended the branch A. C. in Cedar City, Utah, and also the University of Utah.

After coming to Oakland, California in 1934, he was married June 20, 1938, to Elma D. Behunin, in the Manti Temple. They were blessed with three children, Penelope, 8; Susanne, 6; and Beth Wilson, 2.

From 1935 to 1939 he was associated with the drug, sundry and notion business in San Francisco, which he left to become a partner in the Brookside Auto and Trailer Court business in Oakland. In 1941 he became a member of the partnership of Moody Bros., organized for the purpose of entering the trailer sales business, and in 1944 he was instrumental in opening a branch of the trailer sales business in El Cerrito.

In 1945 he became a stockholder of the Hillcrest Motel, Inc., at 2400 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, and was secretary-treasurer of that corporation at the time of his death. He was also a member and past treasurer of the Liahonas club.

A member of the San Leandro ward, Vaun was active in the Second Quorum of Elders and president of the Quorum for two years. He later became a member of the 247th Quorum of Seventy. He also served a year as YMMIA activity director of the Oakland stake. He was active in ward affairs, being a leader, with his wife, of the Ward Fireside group. He also served two years in the Elmhurst ward MIA presidency.

Vaun succumbed to a heart attack just before noon on January 7, at his home in Castro Valley. Besides his wife and three daughters, Vaun is survived by his brothers, M. W. and E. L. Moody of Delta, Utah, Doctor Milo C. Moody of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Manton M. Moody of Oakland; also his two sisters, Mrs. G. L. Beal, Ephraim, and Mrs. Vernon N. Merrill of Price, Utah.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12, by Bishop Jackson in the Tower Chapel of the Mountain View cemetery where interment took place.

The family and brothers and sisters of Vaun wish to thank his many friends for their expressions of sympathy and help during the time of the illness, the death and funeral services. Everyone has been most kind and helpful.

2 Oakland Stake Authors Have Valuable Era Articles

The December, 1947, Era carried Dr. Eugene Hilton's touching word-picture entitled, "The Boy and the Parade." You should go back and read it, if you missed it in the Christmas hustle.

It's a picture story, or rather a story about a picture. A magazine picture of the great Utah Centennial parade, July 24, 1947, happens to show also a little boy standing behind the crowd, hands in pockets, unable to see a thing of all the passing spectacle. He's too small and no one thinks to hold him up to look.

Who would find a lesson in that little boy there behind the crowd unable to see the parade? Not one in a thousand, perhaps. President Hilton has made its pathos wring the heart. To see the uncommon in the common is called the poetic gift. Here is poetic insight expressed in beautiful, tender, moving prose. Don't forget. Turn to the Christmas Era issue.

January, 1948, the Era presented Thomas Stuart Ferguson's stimulating contribution, "Do You Know How to Read?"

Here detailed is the enormous quantity of reading matter required to keep abreast of the times: the more than 1800 pages in the four standard works of the Church; the several Church periodicals and Church books in general; the daily papers, and current magazines; college studies and trade and professional journals, etc.

How to get this reading done is the problem Elder Ferguson solves for readers. Shown in sim-

Birthday Pennies For Valentines

Could you neglect the call of a little child for help? Does the sight of a tiny lame boy or girl tug at your heartstrings?

The Primary children, during the month of February, are making a special appeal to each and every member of the stake to help little ones in need of medical care who would not otherwise get it. All during the year Primary boys and girls have given their birthday pennies on or near their birthdays—a penny for each year of their age. They have set the example; let us follow it and give what we can. Let us put our dimes in the envelopes provided for birthday pennies, nickles (or in any other envelope, with our names, addresses and the amount written on the outside) and hand it to any Primary officer or teacher.

Church Institute

The university term came to a fitting climax this January with two affairs at the Institute. One was the initiation ceremony in which about 40 pledges who beat the deadline on pledge requirements were welcomed into the various chapters of Lambda Delta Sigma at the Berkeley Institute.

Later, the semi-formal dinner dance was held at Berkeley ward recreation hall and new officers were announced: Men's chapter, President, Lewis Skanchy of Logan; vice president, Bill Burnham of Berkeley; secretary, Gordon Davis of Fresno; treasurer, Victor Cline of Pasadena.

Omega chapter (women's chapter) officers are: President, Jeanine Coombs of Fresno; vice president, Nadine Williams of Los Angeles; secretary, Annette Call of Berkeley; treasurer, Betty Saunders of San Bernardino.

ple and clear English is the approved methods of learning to read faster and easier.

No one can afford to neglect such helpful articles and library volumes that instruct more fully on how to master speedier, pleasanter reading.

Oakland Ward

Sisters Doris and Joyce Kingsford, wife and daughter of Ed Kingsford, and many friends have been delightfully surprised by the return of Elder Kingsford from his mission in Mexico. He was injured in a bus accident and has lost about 35 pounds but does look well. Our missionary reports that the people of Mexico are in great need of the Gospel and in order that you all might hear more of Brother Kingsford's stories we are inviting you out to his Welcome Home party at the Oakland Ward on February 13, at 7:30 p.m.

It isn't a secret any more! Roberta "Bobbie" Ewald and Jayson "Jay" Sorenson are man and wife. Yes, they secretly married in Reno on November 6. The happily married couple will be making their home temporarily at the home of the bride's parents in San Leandro. We all want to wish "Bobbie" and "Jay" loads of happiness.

The Relief Society wishes to announce the opening of their new sewing class which is to be under the direction of Sister Amy Doyle. These classes will be held every Monday night, starting February 2, at 7:00 p.m. Please register now with Myrtle Swart, or LaVonne Pennock.

We wish to introduce Brother George Ellsworth, the new Superintendent of our Sunday School, who has replaced Darrel Monson, who has gone into the Oakland Stake Mutual as Activity Counselor. Wilford Easton and Kenneth Krey are Bro. Ellsworth's first and second counselors. On January 13 Oakland Fireside group honored Myrtle Simons with a surprise party and a book. Myrtle used to teach the Fireside group but had to take a rest due to illness. We all wish Myrtle a speedy recovery and a fast return to teaching Fireside.

A compliment to Oakland Ward Choir director, accompanist and members! Bro. Kimball and Bro. Eccles, our Stake Conference visitors from Salt Lake, expressed their joy in hearing the choir during conference.

Don't forget "Lamps of Glory" to be presented on February 24, at Oakland Ward.

Berkeley Ward

A new class sponsored by the missionaries has been started at Berkeley ward Sunday school under the direction of Ariel Anderson. This class is for the purpose of creating interest and furnishing information and material for missionaries, visitors and investigators. It is requested that all members help support this move by bringing their friends and those they know are interested in learning about the gospel. Class convenes in the lounge.

Starting February 5, at 8:00 p.m. in the Oakland chapel, a musical class under the direction of Elder LeGrande Maxwell of Salt Lake City will begin. An entrance fee of \$5 is asked. Anyone interested in learning to conduct or play the organ is invited to attend. These twelve class sessions, under the general direction of the Church Music committee, are professionally approved and of the highest efficiency.

The Berkeley ward Relief Society held a carnival, bazaar and food sale Friday evening, February 5, at 7:00 o'clock for the benefit of the Relief Society building which is to be erected in Salt Lake City in the immediate future. An unusually fine program included the famous "Can-

tanho." Dick Johnson, the accordionist, and Roy Clovis with others.

Berkeley ward Relief Society turned in \$200 of their assessment of \$605 for the new Relief Society building. They were the first throughout the stake to make the payment.

Now is the time to start preparations for the Gold and Green ball which is to be held in March. The MIA officers have plans underway for one of the biggest balls of the year. Plan now to attend!

Starting February 3, and continuing three weeks, the stake Welfare is furnishing the programs during the special interest class in Mutual. A special program has been planned for the entire Mutual during those three weeks. Come out and see what you have been missing by not attending Mutual.

On February 7, a Merit Badge exhibit will be held in the Whittier school from 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m., on public health. The feature of the exhibit will be a working model of the water purification plant in Berkeley.

Myrtle Simmons of Oakland will be the guest speaker on February 26, at the home of Martha Leigh Mayhew. Her talk will be based on the pre-existence and the plan of salvation. All Gamma Rho Chi girls are urged to attend.

The 9 a.m. sessions of all the priesthood of the Church are proving most valuable. The hour allows liberal time for a short conjoint meeting of all quorums under the direction of the bishopric, and also for some really worth while class lessons from the interesting Volume One, History of the Church, by the Prophet.

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Pittsburg Ward

At the invitation of the Pittsburg ward M-Men and Gleaners a group of approximately 75 young people from the Pittsburg and Martinez wards met together on January 19, for an evening of roller skating. There were a good many who stayed on their feet and about an equal amount who had a good deal of trouble maintaining any degree of firm footing. Fun was the keynote. It is planned to continue these parties on a regular schedule such as every two months or oftener.

Bishop and Mrs. Finley Pearce and family who have left the ward for a new home in Houston, Texas, report from El Paso that they had a good visit with Pittsburg's missionary, Roger Magley, who is laboring just across the border in Ciudad Juarez. Roger took them into Mexico and showed them a few spots of interest such as the meeting place of the Latter-day Saints there, some of the residential sections, the market place, and others.

Pittsburg now has a choir under the leadership of Harry Oakes. It is interesting to know that they recently sang before a local organization and were presented with a \$15 check. Two other invitations await the choir.

The LDS servicemen at Camp Stoneman have been busy of late with all the invitations they have had to present Sunday Sacrament meeting programs. Under the leadership of Group Leaders Robert Nielson, Lynn Bennett, Mervin Owens and Karl Boss they have presented programs in Claremont and Pittsburg wards and Walnut Creek branch. We commend and congratulate them on their recent winning of the stake basketball league representing Pittsburg ward. More power to these men who have proven themselves a real asset to our stake and especially to Pittsburg ward.

By the time you read this issue of "The Messenger" a basketball game deluxe will be in the past for the ladies of the Relief Society and the unmarried girls of the ward. Friday, January 30, is the night that has been set for this game. Proceeds will go toward the Relief Society building to be constructed at Salt Lake City. Dancing and refreshments will follow. (We'll report in the next issue about any casualties!)

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chomor a baby girl, January 8, 1948. Congratulations to the proud parents (and we do mean proud) parents.

Men's Orchestra
Being Formed

Four local instrumentalists are now taking the lead in organizing an LDS men's orchestra for the purpose of playing at local colony dances and entertainments. It is announced that the orchestra will be limited to members of the Church and will include both east bay stakes. All who may be interested in joining such a group are invited to contact Richard W. Owens, Landscape 5-0299, Howard Dunn, Alameda, Bill Everett, Maxwell Park ward, or Bud Martinez, Oakland ward. Wanted especially is a person who has a bass viol.

Fairfield Branch

Fairfield Branch members have enjoyed visits from Bishop and Mrs. Henry Neerings of Vallejo, and Bro. and Sister T. E. Olive of Napa during the past month. Bishop Neerings and Bro. Olive were the principal speakers on the evenings of their visits and each had a wonderful message for the Saints.

Two lady Missionaries, Sister LaRue Evans and Sister Etta Rasmussen, have been staying in Fairfield while assigned to the task of reading proofs on the Ashland city directory, which is a mission project. Effective February 1, Sister Evans was assigned to the San Francisco Mission office and Sister Larson was sent here from Sunnyvale to take her place. Relief Society meetings are now held on Tuesday evenings, with the exception of workday, which convenes at the regularly scheduled time on Tuesday. The meetings are held in the home of President Dorothy Blaisdell. Primary meetings, under the direction of President Opal Oliver, are held in the home of Sister

San Leandro Ward

"May we enter this New Year's activities with forgetfulness of self, recognition of the good in others, and a willingness to serve without self-seeking. . . I the Lord am bound when you do what I say; but when you do not what I say, ye have no promise."

Our ward invites the support of every member in San Leandro to attend the Primary; Sunday School; Sacrament meeting; Relief Society; M.I.A. and other special meetings. We require your ideas and talent; and promise the blessing which comes from service to our Heavenly Father, to every member in your family.

We are happy to extend congratulations to Carl Davidson of our ward and Desmond Stewart of the Hayward ward upon their recent engagement. Both young people and their families are well known in our stake for their fine activities. Carl is at present attending San Jose State College, majoring in music, a talent which she has so generously shared with the ward and stake. September has been set as the probable date for the wedding.

Monday evening, January 25, a very delightful party was enjoyed at the lovely home of Sherline and John Webster, by the M. I. A. officers of the ward. The first part of the evening was taken up by business of the M.I.A. after which very delicious refreshments were enjoyed. Those in attendance were Helen McBride, Rayola Griffith, Louise Mauer, Lorna Beach, Myrtle Davidson, Carol Davidson, Donna Nelson, May Wells, Dan Bodily, Russell Dykes, Tommy Noble, Our Y.M. president is Dan Bodily, Y.L. Lorna Beach. We feel very fortunate to have as our new activity counselor for the Y.M.M.I.A. Tommy Noble, a very enthusiastic worker.

COMING EVENTS

February 5: A very fine three-act play of prize winning fame, "What Doth It Profit?" by Dimond Ward, playing in Elmhurst Chapel. Silver offering for our building fund.

February 20: We all like to celebrate birthdays. Well, this is the date to help us be festive over our ward's first birthday. We expect all of our members and friends from other wards to be with us. Dinner and dancing, a very fine orchestra.

Our ward knows the happiness that can come from owning a home chapel of our own. Although we realize that this can not be accomplished hurriedly, we desire to make the waiting as short a period as is possible. We have a very fine Building Fund Committee organized under the direction of our bishop, A. Gifford Jackson; Newell Christensen, Wilford Nelson, with the General Chairmanship headed by John Webster, and assisted by Marcel Lauper, Grant Gay, Robert Clissmeyer, Don Rowberry, Leland Johnson, Dan Bodily, Herbert Marsh. Weekly meetings are being held to further plans.

Another member of our ward has been sustained to serve in a Stake capacity; John Webster as a president of the 247th Quorum of Seventies.

Many of our members were grateful to have the privilege of attending Stake conference to enjoy the inspiration which came from the talks by our visiting Apostles, Spencer W. Kimball, Stewart Eccles, and our stake presidency, Eugene Hilton, Delbert Wright, Angus H. Norberg, and others.

Our Sacrament meetings are planned to bring inspirational talks on doctrine; when we attend we are fulfilling a commandment of the Lord. Blessings follow in every case of obedience.

February 1 Sacrament meeting was presented by the Fireside Group (junior), under the direction of Marcel Lauper, advisor, and President Marilyn Webster.

The members of our ward send their kindest remembrances to our Missionaries Milton Wells and Howard J. Marsh.

Richmond Ward

Richmond and East Richmond wards were co-hostesses this month at the stake Relief Society Union meeting. The session was very well attended as well as being unusually inspiring.

It was also the privilege of the Richmond and East Richmond High Priests to entertain the stake High Priests at their quarterly quorum meeting in January.

Since the boundary line between Richmond and East Richmond wards has been changed recently, attention of the members of the two wards is called to the desire on the part of the stake and ward authorities that each family observe the new boundaries and attend their proper ward meetings.

Richmond ward Scout Troop will be in attendance at the District Merit Badge Presentation to be held in the Harry Ellis Jr., high school February 7. All who

Vallejo Ward News

The Junior Girls and Junior M-Men of the stake were entertained by our local group, Saturday, January 24, at a delightful party. A large group enjoyed dancing and refreshments. It was decided that more parties for the young people should be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Snowball of San Jose, former Vallejo residents (he was a stake high counselor), were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Nielsen.

Vallejo Senior Scouts were victors once again when they played the Napa basketball boys. The score was 64 to 22.

The Sunday school organization has taken class pictures of each group. The pictures are to be sold to the members, and the money used to purchase new equipment for the class rooms.

Jay Nielsen, Vallejo's youngest missionary abroad, has been appointed branch president where he is located at Clariton, Pennsylvania.

We are happy to report that rehearsal for the new ward choir have begun. A large group is participating under the direction of Harvey Nielsen. Their opening party was held Wednesday, February 4. Folk dancing, singing and refreshments were enjoyed.

The girls' organization, under the direction of Verda Telford presented interesting talks and also musical numbers at the Sunday evening services on February 1, 1948.

The Relief Society presidency extends an invitation to the ladies of the ward to come out Thursday afternoons and participate in the Singing Mothers' group which has been newly organized.

On February 5, the Boy Scouts entertained their parents and special guests at a dinner party to commemorate National Scout week. A program and a special archery demonstration were also enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. John Hollander are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby son, Dan Edward, born January 7.

The Mutual organization was host at a unique leap year dance on January 16. Everyone had fun dancing to a musical film; those who didn't dance enjoyed watching the film.

COMING EVENTS

February 11, Primary Valentine party for all children and their parents.

February 12, Stake genealogical meeting in Vallejo.

February 13, MIA Sweetheart Ball.

February 20, Ward high priests party.

February 24, An evening of drama at Mutual.

March 5, Movie, "Our Town."

March 12, Relief Society pot luck dinner.

Alameda Ward

The ward is glad to welcome into membership Raymond Overman, whose wife has long been a good worker in the Church. Bro. Overman is a popular young man, and will be a wholesome influence in our organizations.

Ward Clerk Odell Christensen has been honorably released as ward clerk, and in his place Allen Peterson has been sustained with Paul Jenkel Jr., as assistant clerk. In the Relief Society Rose Winkel has been honorably released as second counselor and Mrs. Grant Goodman installed in her place. The Relief Society has been doing fine work under president Lucile Schow and are now getting set for their 1948 budget.

In spite of backsets due to many cases of illness in the ward, great progress has been made in dismantling and salvaging the lumber from the huge roof of the 180x75-foot Camp Shoemaker building which the government generously gave to the ward for the new chapel soon to arise in Alameda. Scouts, deacons, and all the lesser priesthood quorums have joined hands with the other brethren in this project so that today the huge piles of roofing, sheathing and rafters stand ready for the Church appraisers to come from Salt Lake City to take inventory and give the ward credit for the value of the material.

can do so are urged to be present and lend their support to our boys. Fifteen cents of the 25-cent admittance charge will go to our own troop for their uses.

Brother Wm. Fuller, long a resident of the ward, has sold his home and moved to St. George where he has purchased a home. Sister Elise Pickelsimer Fuller has also gone with Brother Fuller to get the home established, though she may return to Richmond for a while on account of her business interests here.

A stork shower was held in January at Sister Elaine Wightman's home for Mrs. Betty Bourne, Richmond ward Messenger reporter, who would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended.

Maxwell Park M Men Win
Oakland Stake BB Contest

BY GENE COFFIN.

Maxwell Park M Men, after leading most of the way, staved off a last-minute Dimond ward rally Saturday, January 24, to win a 33-29 thriller and close another Oakland Stake M Men series play-off. Maxwell will represent Oakland stake in the Northern California Division finals in February.

Both teams showed good ball handling and displayed excellent defenses. Either team could have clinched the game from the free-throw line, but in so tense a game neither could find the range. Dimond had 15 chances from the charity line but completed only 7; Maxwell completed 5 out of 12.

The game was tit for tat thru most of the first quarter and with seconds to go in the first quarter, Olsen again came to Dimond's rescue to tie the score at seven all when he made his toss from the free-throw line.

The second quarter was a different story; Pickard and Glen Marchant opened with two points each and Maxwell went out in front 11-7. Dimond took time to reset defenses, but Maxwell continued to hold the upper hand and at the half led 16 to 11.

The third period ended in favor of Maxwell.

Glen Marchant swished one from 25 feet to open the final period and Frank Martinez found the range from about 40 feet. Back in, Frank Martinez added two points, Rice returned the compliment for Dimond, then Mann scored for Maxwell. With a minute and a half left to play, Olsen sank Dimond's last two points of the game. With seconds to go Mann rebounded two points for Maxwell, and on a called technical, Mann added the free throw point, ending the game 33-29.

High point man for the night was Harold Olsen of Dimond, with 15 points, and next, Glen Marchant of Maxwell Park, with 10 points.

Surprise For Retiring
M.I.A. Stake President

Surprise party of the month was the one given Monday evening, January 26, in honor of Sister Evaletta Thompson who has resigned as president of the Oakland Stake M.I.A.

The party was held at the home of Sister Theresa Sims in San Leandro.

In honoring Sister Thompson for the fine work she has done this year the two boards gave her a set of silver spoons. She and her husband, Russell, will move back to Salt Lake City this month after having lived in the bay area 11 years.

Refreshments and games highlighted the evening.

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OAKLAND HOLDS BIG CONFERENCE

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at home, invite them to dinner, and finally, to special meetings and in these and other ways win them to activity, never bearing down upon their shortcomings.

In the general conference sessions Pres. Delbert F. Wright quoted from the sayings of our bright youngsters: "Yes, I know, but times have changed." Pres. Wright said we could admit this statement but still asked, "Is all change improvement?" Let us be careful that our changes are betterments and not in the other direction.

Elder Kimball mentioned the fact that on every Sunday of the year, six or seven Sundays excepted, sixteen or seventeen stake conferences are held with attendance generally equalling ours today in Oakland. Little children should be brought to conferences; in fact the entire family should attend. We could put up with some little disturbance for the sake of the children.

How many Saints are living on less than they make and building surpluses? Do you have a store house in your home? Do you have savings to fall back upon in emergency? Do you have oil in your lamps?

Our Welfare Program is divinely inspired. \$210,000 was raised in a day by the Church on one special fast day recently, and this sum was sent to Europe to bless any who were in need without respect to creed or nationality. We sent eight truckloads of food and clothing to the needy Navajos, being the first assistance to reach them in any quantity. Give and give and give and you will be blessed.

The Church has nearly 5,000 missionaries scattered almost all over the world. The Lord has said the thing that will be of most worth to us is to declare repentance unto this generation and to bring souls unto Him. This missionary work has three phases: for the dead, for our own membership, young and old in the work of our ward and stake organizations, and finally for the world at large who sit in darkness.

One missionary whom Elder Kimball recently interviewed told him he had \$1500 saved during ward service years which he was now anxious to use so that he might go forth and spread the gospel, his parents assisting as may be necessary. We see many miracles performed by our physicians and by the Priesthood, but the greatest miracle of all is when a man is changed in his soul and becomes a God in embryo.

Present at the conference and speaking briefly was Ed Kingford who gave a brief report of his missionary experiences in the Mexican mission from which he had just returned. Henry Smith, editor of the Church News reported on the Church's part in the recent celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of gold at Coloma, California.

In the evening session of this conference, Elder Spences W. Kimball gave one of the most inspiring and instructive sermons on the subject of marriage and especially temple marriage that has ever been heard at our conferences. He asked the audience to visualize two chairs and on them sitting John and Mary who had come to the office of Elder Kimball for instructions preparatory to a temple marriage.

Proceeding from this impressive beginning, he set forth to talk to them about their Mormon parentage, the way they should live, our beautiful Mormon home life, whether they should be willing to forego a great showy wedding ceremony for the simple but thrilling sealing in the holy precincts of the temple of God. He spoke of living so that they were always sweethearts; how they should live within their means; of the coming of children and why the wife should be willing to quit work and devote herself to rearing a large and well-trained family.

Pres. Hilton and Norberg Give Instructions

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Then can one love his neighbor most truly. Our prime duty today is that of teaching the gospel to our own and to the world, but the teaching must be by example as well as by word.

Burning of the Book

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burn a copy of the Book of Mormon which he had found, after 18 years, unread on his shelves, as he was cleaning out a lot of trash for the bonfire. Throwing kerosene on the fire after he perceived that the book was still unburned, he again heard the voice and felt the presence as it said, "Don't do it, the book is true."

Space does not allow us to tell what happened after he secured a new copy of the Book of Mormon and read its glorious message, how complete strangers contacted him saying they had felt a strong impression when seeing him that he could give them information of things they were eager to know thus opening the way for him to spread his testimony of the new book that had so miraculously come into his life.

The pamphlet will be available at the chapel book tables if the attendants will order a supply from the Deseret Book Company. It is a heartening testimony. Surely the Lord is about to start a great work among the people.

Mormon Male Chorus In Need of First Tenors And Second Bases

The Mormon Male Chorus of Berkeley-Oakland stakes meets every Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Oakland ward chapel for rehearsals. Bro. Robert Sant advises that they still need some first tenors and second bases. All men who have been yearning to give vent to those musical vocal chords give heed—here is an organization worthy of your talents.

Advice From Henry L. Peterson At Meeting

Henry Peterson of Napa, recently appointed a stake patriarch, asked: "Do we sense fully the responsibility of being leaders in the stake and in our wards? Do you remember who your paymaster is, and for whom you are working? If a teacher fails to appear, valuable time is wasted; also if a teacher is not well prepared. Be responsible; we are all entitled to the Holy Ghost in our respective positions."



Liahona Club News

The regular monthly dinner-speaker-business meeting of the Liahona club was held as usual on the fourth Monday night of the month (January 26, 1948), at the Coit hotel, Oakland.

The speaker of the evening, Brigham D. Madsen, teaching assistant in history at the University of California, spoke interestingly of the part played by the Mormon Battalion members in the historic discovery of gold at Coloma, California, January 24, 1848. The subject of the address had been chosen in honor of the Mormon Battalion and their notable contributions to California history 100 years ago.

The Liahona club had representatives at Coloma on January 24, 1948, due to the planning of President William H. Evans, and a short report by one of these club representatives was given prior to the speech by Mr. Madsen.

A representative of the Blue Cross Plan of Hospital Protection detailed the scope, advantages, the coverage, non-coverage, and the costs of the group plan for meeting medical and hospital expenses by a pay-roll deduction plan which now enrolls over 30,000,000 people in the United States. No action was taken, but further study will be given to the plan and its possible utilization by the members of Liahona.

The annual election of officers for the club for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Herb Van Noy; first vice president, Elmo Smith; second vice president, Curtis Bybee; secretary, Ira Call, and treasurer, Wm. G. Banks. A report on the December art exhibit was made by Charles Stamps. Remarks by the new and out-going officers closed the meeting.

Prizes Offered For Original Song Contest

Prizes for the best entry in an original M.I.A. sing contest were announced by Darrel Monson at Stake M.I.A. Leadership meeting Sunday, January 18. Opened as of that leadership meeting, the contest will close at midnight, March 21, 1948.

Information regarding details of this contest which will bring to light some of our stake musical talent, can be requested from M.I.A. music directors, Patsy Craig, 5732 Holway court, Oakland, KE. 3-3165; and Blaine Wilson, 1023 Taylor avenue, Alameda.

Summarizing rules for this Y.M.M.I.A. and Y.W.M.I.A. contest Darrel pointed out that words and the organization of music should be original and in keeping with the M.I.A. and its work. Music should be of lively tempo and the song should preferably consist of more than one verse.

Prizes will be \$10 and a subscription to Etude magazine as first prize; \$5 for second and \$3 for third. In addition, the three prize winning entries will be featured at the Stake M.I.A. Music Festival in late spring.

Copies should be prepared in duplicate: one copy to be held by the contestant(s); the other, without the contestant(s) name on it, should be submitted to Darrel J. Monson, 3791 Webster street, Oakland 9. Name of the contestant should be written on a separate piece of paper and included with the copy submitted.

Dimond Junior M-Men Basketeers Edged Out By San Francisco Team

The Oakland Stake basketball champions in the Junior M Men league, Dimond ward, learned at their Jan. 26 meeting that they can buy pictures of the team, by contacting athletic chairman Jay Robinson. The Dimond boys fought a hard and tight game only to be edged out by San Francisco stake's winner of the four-stake basketball title this year.

Oakland ward was second place in the stake.



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